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SUBJECT: MORO BURIED AS GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS PAY
TRIBUTE

1. ALDO MORO WAS BURIED ON MAY 10 IN THE SMALL COUNTRY CEMETERY OF THE MEDIEVAL VILLAGE OF TORRITA TIBERINA WHERE MORO HAS HAD A WEEKEND HOUSE FOR MANY YEARS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE WISHES OF HIS FAMILY, THE FUNERAL WAS ENTIRELY PRIVATE. NO MEMBER OF THE GOVERNMENT OR CHRISTIAN DEMOCRAT PARTY PARTICIPATED. MOST OF THE ONLOOKERS WERE THE CITIZENS OF THE SMALL TOWN LOCATED SOME 30 KILOMETERS NORTHEAST OF ROME. AFTER THE SERVICE, SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI PAID A SOLITARY VISIT TO THE GRAVESIDE.

2. THE INJUNCTION OF THE FAMILY AGAINST THE HOLDING OF A STATE FUNERAL TROUBLED GOVERNMENT AND PARTY LEADERS, BUT DC SECRETARY ZACCAGNINI INSISTED THAT THE WISHES OF MORO'S FAMILY BE RESPECTED. A MEMORIAL SERVICE HOWEVER, WILL BE HELD IN ROME'S SAN GIOVANNI IN LATERANO BASILICA ON MAY 13 WITH THE PARTICIPATION OF FOREIGN REPRESENTATIVES.

3. THE CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES AND SENATE CONVENED SPECIAL SESSIONS ON MAY 10 TO PAY TRIBUTE TO THE SLAIN DC LEADER. CHAMBER PRESIDENT INGRAO (PCI) RECALLED MORO'S BELIEF IN THE
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POLITICAL NEED TO MEDIATE AND RECONCILE DIFFERING MOVEMENTS AND FORCES. SENATE PRESIDENT FANFANI SPOKE OF MORO'S EARLIER ADMONITION TO COMBAT "THE ABSURD AND INHUMAN LOGIC OF VIOLENCE." PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI ADDRESSED EACH CHAMBER, NOTING THE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSIBILITIES TO DEFEND THE DEMOCRATIC ORDER AGAINST "THE ABSURD BLACKMAIL" OF THE TERROISTS THROUGH 54 DAYS OF ANGUISH, HOPE AND DISILLUSION. GARDNER

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